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Letter dated 7 August 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1698 (2006) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In paragraph 3 of that resolution, the Council requested me to take the necessary administrative measures to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts for a period expiring on 31 July 2007, drawing, as appropriate, on the expertise of the members of the Group of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1654 (2006).

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, taking into account the requirements stated in resolution 1698 (2006), I have reappointed the following four experts for an initial period until 31 December 2006:

1. Ibra Déguène Ka (Senegal, Chairman)
2. Enrico Carisch (Switzerland, finance expert)
3. Abdoulaye Cissoko (Mali, aviation expert)
4. Jean-Luc Gallet (France, customs and border control expert)

Mr. Ka will continue to chair the Group of Experts. A fifth expert, in arms trafficking, will be proposed shortly.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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